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	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Small Entity	
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Applicant: Jason D. Meridew, et al.

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Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE OF A SELF-TAPPING RESORBABLE SCREW

Attorney Docket: 5490-000341

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.